

The Dover Society.

The Minutes of the 184th meeting of the Executive Committee which was held in the parish room of St Paul's church Dover on the 13 January 2005.

1) Present: Mr & Mrs Cope; Mrs Gordon; Dr Hale; Mr Leach (chmn.) Mrs Liggett; Mrs Lilley; Mr Naylor; Mrs Reidy; Mr Sutton; Capt. Weston; Mr Woolford.

2) Apologies: Apologies were received from Mr McFarnell.

3) Minutes of the 183rd meeting of the E.C. which had been circulated were accepted..

4) Matters arising:

Mr Woolford reported that a letter had been sent to the local press expressing concern about the condition of some of the buildings along the processional route for the Lord Warden. The Treasurer said that the difficulty with the 'Gift Aid' scheme was still to be settled., Mr Cope to make inquiries.

5) The Chairman.

Mr Leach said that he had received notice from Mrs Wright that she wished to resign from the Committee.

He proposed that a letter of appreciation be sent to the Newsletter distributors for their sterling work in delivering the Adams book .

Mr Leach went on to say that he had received details of the Dover Maritime festival which is part of the Nelson commemoration organised by Sea Britain. It is planned to take place in the Cruise Terminal at the Western docks on the 4&5 of March. Among the events will be a dinner in the Terminal price £55.

DDTC is to invite the Burgers of Calais for a 'get together'. during the summer.

Finally Mr Leach drew attention to the death of Catherine Good fellow.

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6) The Secretary:

Nothing to report.

7) The Treasurer

Capt Weston distributed the monthly financial statement and drew attention to the following-

A) £319.95 received from) £10 has been collected in subs. and £60 in donations

B) £319.95 from the sale of 162 copies of 'Dover's Hidden Fortress'

c) £174.73 was paid out for the delivery of the Adams Memorial Book.

D) £625 paid to Adams The Printers for the production of the December Newsletter and. £6.51 for postage costs.

E) £ 28. 87 paid for photocopying etc.

F) £ 22.86 paid for spares for the trimmers.

G)£10 was paid out to a member as a result of a banking error. It appears in the accounts as a donation to the funds,

H) £158 received in interest from our 'Cascash account

I) The November meeting produced a profit of £14.55

The costs of the Christmas Feast are not yet finalised. A surplus is expected..

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8) Membership Secretary.

Mrs Cope said that she had received many letters of thanks for the Adams book. And that there were four new members this month. They are Mr William & Mrs Audrey Hamblin of

Laureston Place; Miss Nicolle Goodfellow; Mr Yuri Tykhonenko of Park Ave.

10) Projects.

Mrs Gordon said that the location maps of the graves were now complete and suggested that a little presentation by the Chairman to the Council be arranged. This was agreed.

Mr Cope said that the clearing work was making good progress and that a new strimmer had been ordered

River Dour

Mr Cope said that the River Side Walk project had been taken up by the White Cliffs Countryside and that signs would be produced showing walks to be followed. It was expected that the signs would be in position by the Spring of 2005. There had been a shortfall in the funds available for this project. It was proposed by Mr Cope and seconded by Mrs Lilley that the sum of £250 be donated by the Society. Agreed.

The Jarrett Memorial. Mr Cope said that this was now in place and that DHB had paid the bill. It was suggested that a letter of thanks be sent to DHB and that an item should appear in the Newsletter. Agreed.

11) Social Secretary. Mr Liggett said that the Christmas Feast had been a huge success. The only complaint was that the entertainment was too long as some members had to leave before the end in order to catch pre-booked taxis. There was a discussion about the possible changes for next year and it was agreed to bring the matter forward nearer the time. It was also agreed that the Carol singing would remain as part of the festivities.

12) Planning & Local Govt. Mr Woolford distributed the minutes for the 89th meeting of the planning s/c. He said that he heard from the Woodland Trust but there were no funds available. It was agreed that he approach the organisation for the regeneration of mining areas. He was also asked to complete a statement of community involvement for the DDC.

13) Press Secretary: Mr Sutton said that he intended to issue a Press Notice about our next general meeting.

14) The Editor: Mrs Lilley Requested that all copy for the next N/L should reach her by Feb. 14.

15) Publications: Mr Leach said that the Adams Memorial book had been a big success. All copies offered for sale had been sold out two weeks before Christmas, and that there were orders on hand for a further 250. It was agreed that a reprint order would be put in immediately for a further 500 copies to sell at £10 each. The profit realised on the copies sold had realised the sum of £1700.

16) Lord Warden: Mrs Reidy said that the Dover Ladies Luncheon Club had arranged a lunch in the Town Hall on 10 April and that she hoped to have a table for the E/C of the Dover Society

17) Web Site: Mr McFarnell had left a note pointing out that the year 2004 had produced the greatest number of 'hits' since the inception of the site.

18) Any Other Business: Mr Leach announced that the Dover Film Society were holding A festival in the Town Hall on 7/8 Feb. and that the Western Heights Society were having an open day on 6 June.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.35